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SUBJECT: HAITI: BRAZILIANS ASSUME CONTROL OVER CITE SOLEIL

REF: A. A) IIR 6840-9890-06
[1](#)B. B) IIR 6840-9887-06

Classified By: AMB Janet A. Sanderson, REASONS 1.4(B) AND (D).

[1](#)1. (C) Per reftel B, the Brazilian Battalion of MINUSTAH has assumed Cite Soleil as its area of responsibility (AOR), replacing the Jordanian Battalion as of 23 May. The MINUSTAH memo ordering the change stated that the new Brazilian AOR will take advantage of the strengths of both battalions while minimizing weaknesses. According to the MINUSTAH order, the Jordanian battalion's size and vehicle assets are better suited to covering an area larger than Cite Soleil versus the Brazilian's coverage of a larger area in downtown Port-au-Prince with limited vehicle assets. The order did not amend operational plans for the Brazilian battalion. The Brazilian's remain under instructions to return fire with deadly force if fired upon (reftel A).

[1](#)2. (C) According to DAO Port-au-Prince and civilian MINUSTAH staff, the Brazilians will not intensify military operations in Cite Soleil until mission leadership and the Preval administration agree on an integrated plan coupling intensive operations with social reintegration and peace programs. That being said, MINUSTAH force commander General Elito has told Ambassador he believes it is time for his forces to enter the area.
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